

REMARKS

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 41-43 and 48 were objected to because of an alleged missing "e" character in the words process, equivalents, or wherein. Applicant has reviewed its response of July 29, 2003, and has been unable to find the alleged missing "e" as indicated. Perhaps the Examiner was reviewing another version of the claims. The present listing of claims is believed to be correct and Applicant requests withdrawal of the objections.

§ 112 REJECTIONS

Claims 38-53 were rejected under § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly being nonenabling where the functional groups are not directly substituted on an aromatic ring or other unsaturated monomers.

Applicant has amended claims 38-39 to specify that the functional groups are "directly substituted on aromatic rings or other unsaturated species." Applicant respectfully asserts that the present claims overcome the § 112 rejection.

Claim 39, and the claims dependent therefrom, were rejected under § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite on the grounds that "under non-reaction conditions" was confusing. Applicant has clarified the claim language in claim 39, which now states "under which said boron-derivative functional groups and said halide functional groups do not react." Thus, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 38-53 in condition for allowance. Applicant(s) submit(s) that the proposed amendments of claims 38-53 do not raise new issues or

necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner, since all of the elements and their relationships claimed were either earlier claimed or inherent in the claims as examined. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

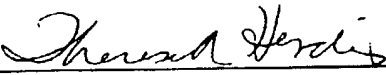
Finally, applicant submits that the entry of the amendment would place the application in better form for appeal, should the Examiner dispute the patentability of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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